

Courian et al. issued after the filing date of the subject patent application. This application was filed on June 6, 2001, while Courian et al. issued September 11, 2001.

Moreover, the present application is assigned to Hewlett-Packard Company, as shown by the enclosed copy of the recorded assignment document, recorded in the records of the USPTO at reel/frame no. 011870/0292. Courian et al. is also assigned to Hewlett-Packard Company, as shown by the enclosed copy of the assignment document, recorded at reel/frame 9625/0481 for application serial number 09/179,362; this application issued as U.S. 6,286,941.

This application was filed on June 6, 2001, and thus is subject to the prior art exclusion provided by the American Inventors Protection Act of 1999, thereby mooted all pending obviousness rejections.


Allowable Subject Matter

Claim 38 stands objected to as depending from a rejected base claim, but allowable if rewritten in independent form. Claim 38 has been cancelled in favor of new independent Claim 45, which is therefore in condition for allowance.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, the application is in condition for allowance. Such favorable reconsideration is solicited.

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VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE**IN THE SPECIFICATION**

Amend the paragraph immediately following the heading "CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATION" to the following:

This application is related to application serial number [_____] 09/876,470, filed [_____] June 6, 2001, PRINTHEAD WITH HIGH NOZZLE PACKING DENSITY, J. Feinn et al[, attorney docket number 10006161-1].